



Introduction to OpenMP

Lecture 5: Synchronisation



Why is it required?

Recall:

- Need to synchronise actions on shared variables.
- Need to ensure correct ordering of reads and writes.
- Need to protect updates to shared variables (not atomic by default)



BARRIER directive

- No thread can proceed past a barrier until all the other threads have arrived.
- Note that there is an implicit barrier at the end of DO/FOR, SECTIONS and SINGLE directives.

- Syntax:

Fortran: **!\$OMP BARRIER**

C/C++: **#pragma omp barrier**

- Either all threads or none must encounter the barrier: otherwise DEADLOCK!!



BARRIER directive

A simple example

- 3 threads
- Everyone multiplies
- Everyone sets:

$$a[\text{myid}] = a[\text{myid}] * 3.5$$
$$b[\text{myid}] = a[\text{neighb}] + c$$


BARRIER directive

A simple example

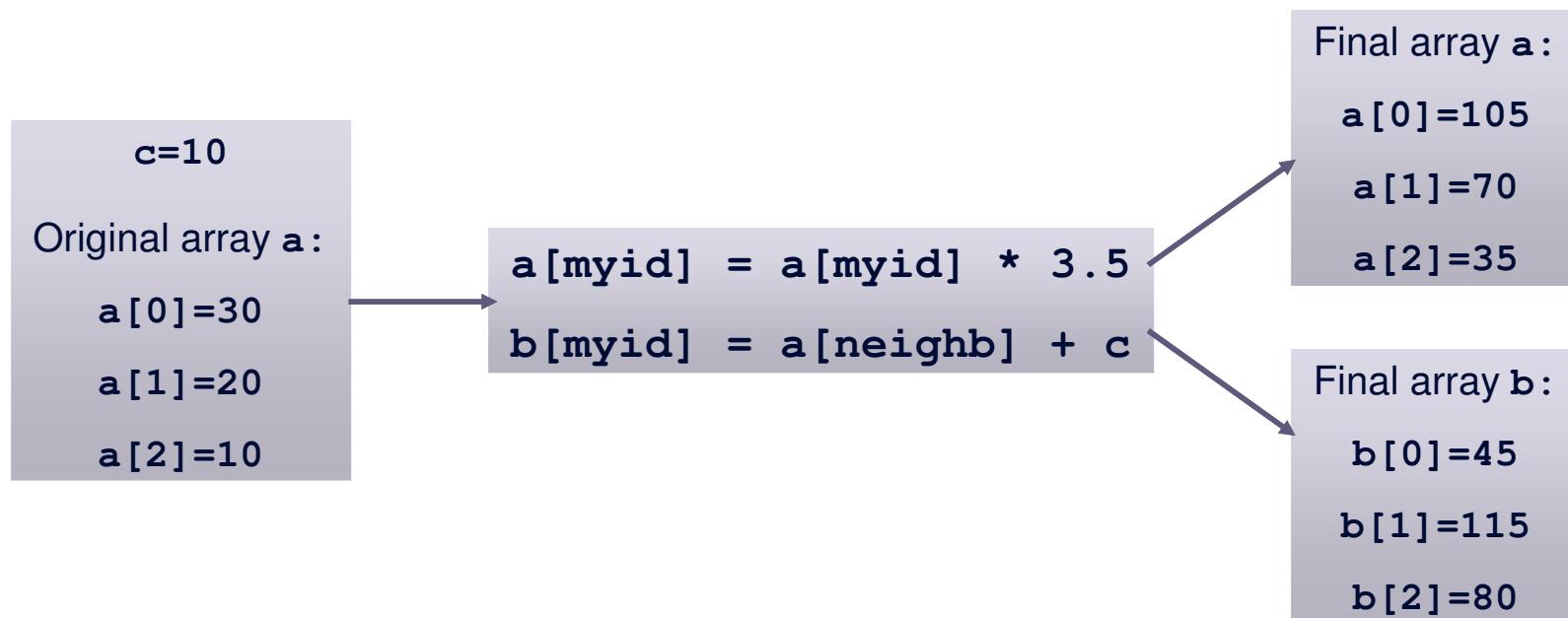
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a[myid] = a[myid] * 3.5  
b[myid] = a[neighb] + c
```

```
!$OMP PARALLEL PRIVATE(I,MYID,NEIGHB)  
    myid = omp_get_thread_num()  
    neighb = myid - 1  
    if (myid.eq.0) neighb = omp_get_num_threads ()-1  
    ...  
    a(myid) = a(myid)*3.5  
    b(myid) = a(neighb) + c  
    ...  
 !$OMP END PARALLEL
```



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<i>Thread 0</i>	✓	<i>myid=0</i>	<i>neighb=2</i>	<i>a[0]=30</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>a[0]=105</i>	<i>a[2]=35</i>
<i>Thread 1</i>	✓	<i>myid=1</i>	<i>neighb=0</i>	<i>a[1]=20</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>a[1]=70</i>	<i>a[0]=105</i>
<i>Thread 2</i>	✓	<i>myid=2</i>	<i>neighb=1</i>	<i>a[2]=10</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>a[2]=35</i>	<i>a[1]=20</i>



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<i>Thread 2</i>	✓	<i>myid=2</i>	<i>neighb=1</i>	<i>a[2]=10</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>a[2]=35</i>	<i>a[1]</i>



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<i>Thread 1 (stalling!)</i>	✓	<i>myid=1</i>	<i>neighb=0</i>	<i>a[1]=20</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>a[1]=70</i>	<i>a[0]</i>
<i>Thread 2</i>	✓	<i>myid=2</i>	<i>neighb=1</i>	<i>a[2]=10</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>a[2]=35</i>	<i>a[1]</i>

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<i>Thread 0</i>	✓	<i>myid=0</i>	<i>neighb=2</i>	<i>a[0]=30</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>a[0]=105</i>	<i>a[2]=35</i>
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<i>Thread 1</i>	✓	<i>myid=1</i>	<i>neighb=0</i>	<i>a[1]=20</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>a[1]=70</i>	<i>a[0]=105</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Thread 2</i>	✓	<i>myid=2</i>	<i>neighb=1</i>	<i>a[2]=10</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>a[2]=35</i>	<i>a[1]=20</i>	<i>30</i>

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parallel region	get myid	calculate neighb	Get a[myid]	multiply by 3.5	assign result to a[myid]	get a[myid-1]	add 10	assign b[myid]
Thread 0	d=0	neighb=2	a[0]=30	105	a[0]=105	a[2]=35	45	b[0]=45
Thread 1	d=1	neighb=0	a[1]=20	70	a[1]=70	a[0]=105	115	b[1]=115
Thread 2	d=2	neighb=1	a[2]=10	35	a[2]=35	a[1]=20	30	b[2]=30

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<i>Thread 0</i>	<i>neighb=2</i>	<i>a[0]=30</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>a[0]=105</i>	<i>a[2]=35</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>b[0]=45</i>
<i>Thread 1</i>	<i>neighb=0</i>	<i>a[1]=20</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>a[1]=70</i>	<i>a[0]=105</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>b[1]=115</i>
<i>Thread 2</i>	<i>neighb=1</i>	<i>a[2]=10</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>a[2]=35</i>	<i>a[1]=20</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>b[2]=30</i>

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<i>d</i>	<i>calculate neighb</i>	<i>Get a[myid]</i>	<i>multiply by 3.5</i>	<i>assign result to a[myid]</i>	<i>get a[myid- 1]</i>	<i>add 10</i>	<i>assign to b[myid]</i>
<i>Thread 0</i>	-2	$a[0]=30$	105	$a[0]=105$	$a[2]=35$	45	$b[0]=45$
<i>Thread 1</i>	-0	$a[1]=20$	70	$a[1]=70$	$a[0]=105$	115	$b[1]=115$
<i>Thread 2</i>	-1	$a[2]=10$	35	$a[2]=35$	$a[1]=20$	30	$b[2]=30$

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$a[\text{myid}] = a[\text{myid}] * 3.5$

$b[\text{myid}] = a[\text{neighb}] + c$

<i>calculate ghb</i>	<i>Get a[myid]</i>	<i>multiply by 3.5</i>	<i>assign result to a[myid]</i>	<i>get a[myid- 1]</i>	<i>add 10</i>	<i>assign to b[myid]</i>
<i>Thread 0</i>	$\text{l}=30$	105	$a[0]=105$	$a[2]=35$	45	$b[0]=45$
<i>Thread 1</i>	$\text{l}=20$	70	$a[1]=70$	$a[0]=105$	115	$b[1]=115$
<i>Thread 2</i>	$\text{l}=10$	35	$a[2]=35$	$a[1]=20$	30	$b[2]=30$

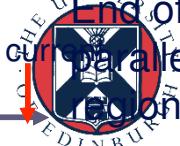
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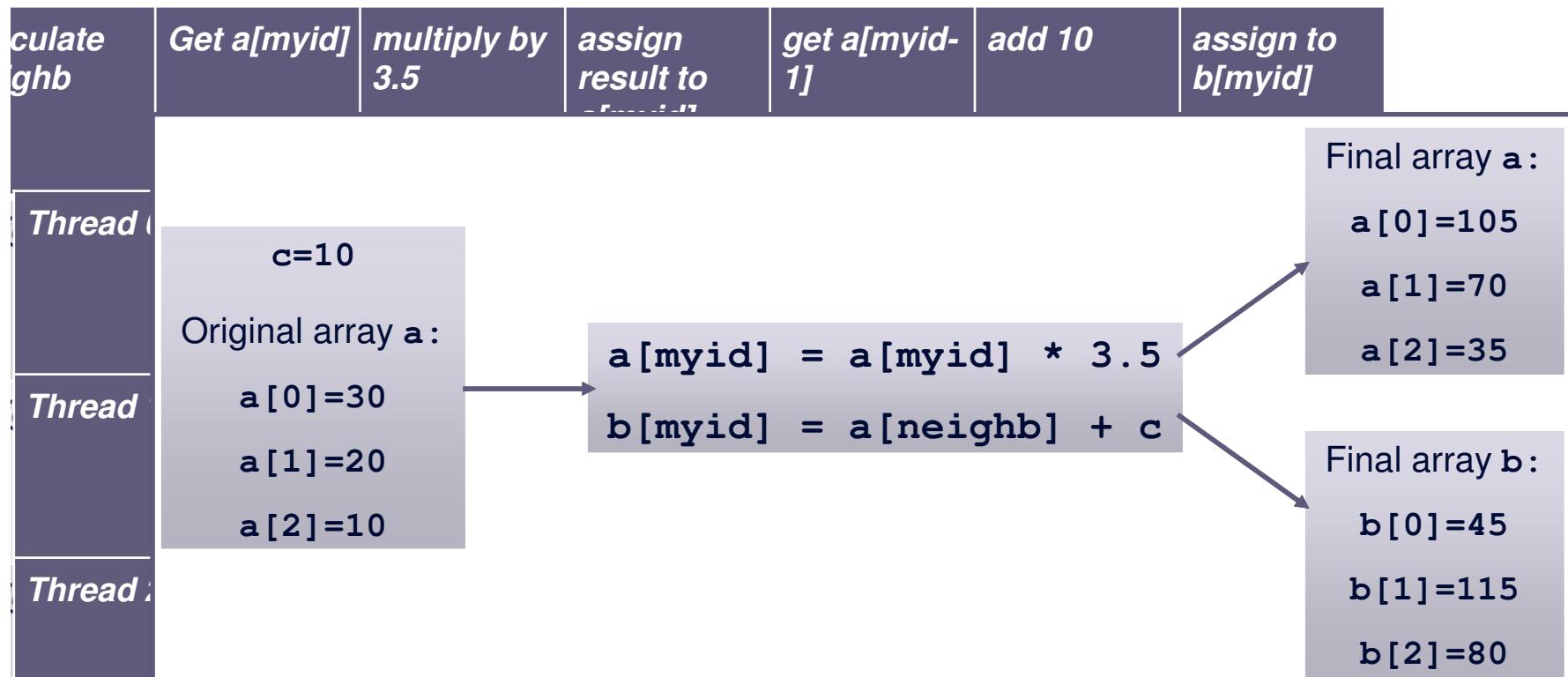
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Thread 0	$a[0]=105$	$a[2]=35$	45	$b[0]=45$	Final array a: $a[0]=105$ $a[1]=70$ $a[2]=35$
Thread 1	$a[1]=70$	$a[0]=105$	115	$b[1]=115$	Final array b: $b[0]=45$ $b[1]=115$ $b[2]=\cancel{80} \ 30$
Thread 2	$a[2]=35$	$a[1]=20$	30	$b[2]=30$	

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<i>Thread 0</i>	?	$a[0]=30$	105	$a[0]=105$	$a[2]=35$	45	$b[0]=45$
<i>Thread 1</i>	0	$a[1]=20$	70	$a[1]=70$	$a[0]=105$	115	$b[1]=115$
<i>Thread 2</i>	1	$a[2]=10$	35	$a[2]=35$	$a[1]=20$	30	$b[2]=30$

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<i>Thread 1</i>		<i>neighb=0</i>	<i>a[1]=20</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>a[1]=70</i>	<i>a[0]=105</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>b[1]=115</i>
<i>Thread 2</i>		<i>neighb=1</i>	<i>a[2]=10</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>a[2]=35</i>	<i>a[1]=20</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>b[2]=30</i>

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<i>Thread 1</i>		<i>neighb=0</i>	<i>a[1]=20</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>a[1]=70</i>	<i>a[0]=105</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>b[1]=115</i>
<i>Thread 2</i>		<i>neighb=1</i>	<i>a[2]=10</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>a[2]=35</i>	<i>a[1]=20</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>b[2]=30</i>

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<i>Thread 0 (waiting for thread 1)</i>		<i>neighb=2</i>	<i>a[0]=30</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>a[0]=105</i>	<i>a[2]=35</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>b[0]=45</i>
<i>Thread 1</i>		<i>neighb=0</i>	<i>a[1]=20</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>a[1]=70</i>	<i>a[0]=105</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>b[1]=115</i>
<i>Thread 2 (waiting for thread 1)</i>		<i>neighb=1</i>	<i>a[2]=10</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>a[2]=35</i>	<i>a[1]=20</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>b[2]=30</i>

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<i>Thread 1</i>		<i>neighb=0</i>	<i>a[1]=20</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>a[1]=70</i>	<i>a[0]=105</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>b[1]=115</i>
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<i>Thread 0</i>		<i>neighb=2</i>	<i>a[0]=30</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>a[0]=105</i>	<i>a[2]=35</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>b[0]=45</i>
<i>Thread 1</i>		<i>neighb=0</i>	<i>a[1]=20</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>a[1]=70</i>	<i>a[0]=105</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>b[1]=115</i>
<i>Thread 2</i>		<i>neighb=1</i>	<i>a[2]=10</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>a[2]=35</i>	<i>a[1]=70</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>b[2]=30</i>

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$a[myid] = a[myid] * 3.5$

$b[myid] = a[neighb] + c$

$myid$	<i>calculate neighb</i>	<i>Get a[myid]</i>	<i>multiply by 3.5</i>	<i>assign result to a[myid]</i>	<i>get a[myid-1]</i>	<i>add 10</i>	<i>assign to b[myid]</i>
Thread 0	$hb=2$	$a[0]=30$	105	$a[0]=105$	$a[2]=35$	45	$b[0]=45$
Thread 1	$hb=0$	$a[1]=20$	70	$a[1]=70$	$a[0]=105$	115	$b[1]=115$
Thread 2	$hb=1$	$a[2]=10$	35	$a[2]=35$	$a[1]=70$	80	$b[2]=30$

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$a[\text{myid}] = a[\text{myid}] * 3.5$

$b[\text{myid}] = a[\text{neighb}] + c$

calculate neighb	Get $a[\text{myid}]$	multiply by 3.5	assign result to $a[\text{myid}]$	get $a[\text{myid}-1]$	add 10	assign to $b[\text{myid}]$
Thread 0	$a[0]=30$	105	$a[0]=105$	$a[2]=35$	45	$b[0]=45$
Thread 1	$a[1]=20$	70	$a[1]=70$	$a[0]=105$	115	$b[1]=115$
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<i>Thread 0</i>	$a[0]=105$		$a[2]=35$	45	$b[0]=45$	Final array a: $a[0]=105$ $a[1]=70$ $a[2]=35$
<i>Thread 1</i>	$a[1]=70$	Barrier	$a[0]=105$	115	$b[1]=115$	Final array b: $b[0]=45$ $b[1]=115$ $b[2]=80$
<i>Thread 2</i>	$a[2]=35$		$a[1]=70$	80	$b[2]=80$	
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!$OMP PARALLEL PRIVATE(I,MYID,NEIGHB)  
    myid = omp_get_thread_num()  
    neighb = myid - 1  
    if (myid.eq.0) neighb = omp_get_num_threads ()-1  
    ...  
    a(myid) = a(myid)*3.5
```

```
b(myid) = a(neighb) + c
```

```
...
```

```
!$OMP END PARALLEL
```



A simple example

```
a[myid] = a[myid] * 3.5  
b[myid] = a[neighb] + c
```

```
!$OMP PARALLEL PRIVATE(I,MYID,NEIGHB)  
    myid = omp_get_thread_num()  
    neighb = myid - 1  
    if (myid.eq.0) neighb = omp_get_num_threads ()-1  
    ...  
    a(myid) = a(myid)*3.5  
  
!$OMP BARRIER  
    b(myid) = a(neighb) + c  
    ...  
!$OMP END PARALLEL
```

Barrier required to force synchronisation on a



Critical sections

- A critical section is a block of code which can be executed by only one thread at a time.
- Can be used to protect updates to shared variables.
- The CRITICAL directive allows critical sections to be named.
- If one thread is in a critical section with a given name, no other thread may be in a critical section with the same name (though they can be in critical sections with other names).



CRITICAL directive

- Syntax:

Fortran: **`!$OMP CRITICAL [(name)]`**

block

`!$OMP END CRITICAL [(name)]`

C/C++: **`#pragma omp critical [(name)]`**

structured block

- In Fortran, the names on the directive pair must match.
- If the name is omitted, a null name is assumed (all unnamed critical sections effectively have the same null name).



CRITICAL directive (cont)

Example: pushing and popping a task stack

```
!$OMP PARALLEL SHARED(STACK), PRIVATE(INEXT, INEW)  
    ...  
    !$OMP CRITICAL (STACKPROT)  
        inext = getnext(stack)  
    !$OMP END CRITICAL (STACKPROT)  
        call work(inext, inew)  
    !$OMP CRITICAL (STACKPROT)  
        if (inew .gt. 0) call putnew(inew, stack)  
    !$OMP END CRITICAL (STACKPROT)  
    ...  
    !$OMP END PARALLEL
```



Lock routines

- Occasionally we may require more flexibility than is provided by CRITICAL directive.
- A lock is a special variable that may be *set* by a thread. No other thread may *set* the lock until the thread which set the lock has *unset* it.
- Setting a lock can either be blocking or non-blocking.
- A lock must be initialised before it is used, and may be destroyed when it is not longer required.
- Lock variables should not be used for any other purpose.



Lock routines - syntax

Fortran:

```
USE OMP_LIB

SUBROUTINE OMP_INIT_LOCK(OMP_LOCK_KIND var)
SUBROUTINE OMP_SET_LOCK(OMP_LOCK_KIND var)
LOGICAL FUNCTION OMP_TEST_LOCK(OMP_LOCK_KIND var)
SUBROUTINE OMP_UNSET_LOCK(OMP_LOCK_KIND var)
SUBROUTINE OMP_DESTROY_LOCK(OMP_LOCK_KIND var)
```

var should be an INTEGER of the same size as addresses (e.g. INTEGER*8 on a 64-bit machine)

OMP_LIB defines OMP_LOCK_KIND



Lock routines - syntax

C/C++:

```
#include <omp.h>

void omp_init_lock(omp_lock_t *lock);
void omp_set_lock(omp_lock_t *lock);
int omp_test_lock(omp_lock_t *lock);
void omp_unset_lock(omp_lock_t *lock);
void omp_destroy_lock(omp_lock_t *lock);
```

There are also nestable lock routines which allow the same thread to set a lock multiple times before unsetting it the same number of times.

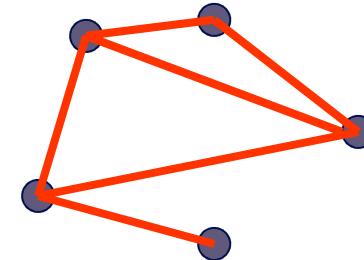


Lock example

Example (compute degree of each vertex in a graph):

```
for (i=0; i<nvertices; i++) {
    omp_init_lock(lockvar[i]);
}

#pragma omp parallel for
    for (j=0; j<nedges; j++) {
        omp_set_lock(lockvar[edge[j].vertex1]);
        degree[edge[j].vertex1]++;
        omp_unset_lock(lockvar[edge[j].vertex1]);
        omp_set_lock(lockvar[edge[j].vertex2]);
        degree[edge[j].vertex2]++;
        omp_unset_lock(lockvar[edge[j].vertex2]);
    }
}
```



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- Used to protect an update to a single shared variable.
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Atomic directive

- Used to protect an update to a single shared variable.
- Applies only to a single statement.
 - May be more efficient than using CRITICAL directives (i.e. if different array elements can be protected separately).
 - No interaction with CRITICAL directives.
 - May be especially efficient if supported by hardware.



Atomic directive - Fortran syntax

```
!$OMP ATOMIC  
statement
```

where *statement* must have one of these forms:

$x = x \ op \ expr$

$x = expr \ op \ x$

$x = intr(x, expr)$ or

$x = intr(expr, x)$

op is one of +, *, -, /, .and., .or., .eqv., or .neqv.

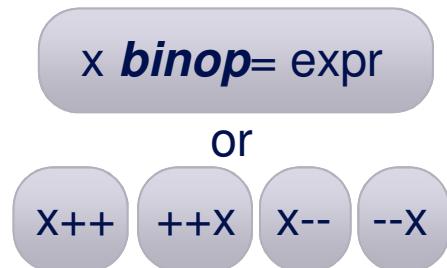
intr is one of MAX, MIN, IAND, IOR or IEOR



Atomic directive - C syntax

```
#pragma omp atomic  
    statement
```

where *statement* must have one of these forms:



binop is one of +, *, -, /, &, ^, <<, or >>

- Note that the evaluation of *expr* is not atomic!



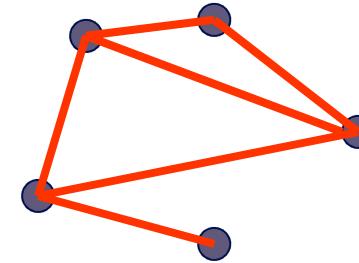
Atomic directive - example

Example (compute degree of each vertex in a graph):

```
for (i=0; i<nvertices; i++) {
    omp_init_lock(lockvar[i]);
}

#pragma omp parallel for
    for (j=0; j<nedges; j++) {

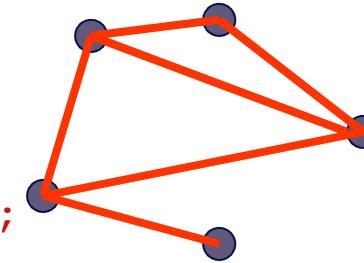
        omp_set_lock(lockvar[edge[j].vertex1]);
        degree[edge[j].vertex1]++;
        omp_unset_lock(lockvar[edge[j].vertex1]);
        omp_set_lock(lockvar[edge[j].vertex2]);
        degree[edge[j].vertex2]++;
        omp_unset_lock(lockvar[edge[j].vertex2]);
    }
}
```



Atomic directive - example

Example (compute degree of each vertex in a graph):

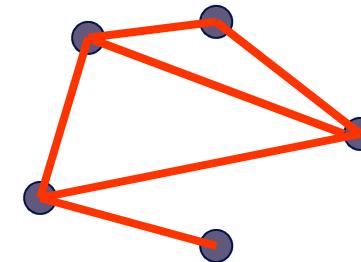
```
#pragma omp parallel for
for (j=0; j<nedges; j++) {
    omp_set_lock(lockvar[edge[j].vertex1]);
    degree[edge[j].vertex1]++;
    omp_unset_lock(lockvar[edge[j].vertex1]);
    omp_set_lock(lockvar[edge[j].vertex2]);
    degree[edge[j].vertex2]++;
    omp_unset_lock(lockvar[edge[j].vertex2]);
}
```



Atomic directive - example

Example (compute degree of each vertex in a graph):

```
#pragma omp parallel for
    for (j=0; j<nedges; j++) {
        #pragma omp atomic
        degree[edge[j].vertex1]++;
        #pragma omp atomic
        degree[edge[j].vertex2]++;
    }
```



Exercise

Molecular dynamics

- The code supplied is a simple molecular dynamics simulation of the melting of solid argon.
- Computation is dominated by the calculation of force pairs in subroutine **forces**.
- Parallelise this routine using a DO/FOR directive and critical sections.
 - Watch out for PRIVATE and REDUCTION variables.
 - Choose a suitable loop schedule
- Extra exercise: can you improve the performance by using locks, or by using a reduction array (C programmers will need to implement this “by hand”).

